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28th JANUARY, 1803.

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Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

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*To provide an additional Armament for the protection of the Seamen and Commerce of the United States.*

1     **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2     tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,  
3     That the president of the United States be, and he hereby is  
4     authorized and empowered to cause to be built, or to be purcha-  
5     sed (if the exigencies of the service shall require it), four vessels  
6     of war, to carry not exceeding sixteen guns each, to be armed,  
7     manned, and fitted out for the protection of the seamen and  
8     commerce of the United States, in the Mediterranean and adja-  
9     cent seas, and for other purposes, as the public service may re-  
10    quire.

1     SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of ninety-  
2     six thousand dollars be, and hereby is appropriated for the pur-  
3     pose aforesaid, out of any monies in the treasury of the United  
4     States, not otherwise appropriated